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MONTREAL FOR ICAO

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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP,
NEW YORK, MAY 17, 1978

REF: USUN 1184

1. FOLLOWING FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP ATTENDED
THIS FOURTH MEETING: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM,
CANADA, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN, MEXICO,
NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, UK AND US.

2. NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN WENT THROUGH LIST OF STATES
NOT PARTIES TO TOKYO, HAGUE AND/OR MONTREAL CONVEN-
TIONS. HE REQUESTED REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF GROUP
WHO HAD VOLUNTEERED TO CONTACT THOSE STATES
AND URGE RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION TO THESE
CONVENTIONS. VARIOUS MEMBERS REPORTED ON
NON-PARTIES TO CONVENTIONS AS FOLLOWS: BOTSWANA
CONSIDERING LEGISLATION FOR ACCESSION; BURUNDI
HAS BEGUN PROCEDURES FOR RATIFICATION OF HAGUE;
CENTRAL AFRICAN EMEROR INSTRUCTED PRIME MINISTER
TO ACCEDE TO ALL THREE CONVENTIONS; CONGO'S COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS APPROVED RATIFICATION OF TOKYO;
DJIBOUTI HAS NO REASON NOT TO RATIFY; ETHIOPIA
INTENDS TO RATIFY BUT PREOCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC
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AFFAIRS; GAMBIA HOPES TO SUBMIT PAPER TO CABINET IN
TWO OR THREE WEEKS RECOMMENDING ACTION ON THREE
CONVENTIONS; GUINEA APPROACHED BUT NO REPLY YET;
LIBERIA WILL IMMEDIATELY RATIFY TOKYO AND EXPEDITE
ACTION ON OTHER TWO CONVENTIONS; LIBYA HAS ALMOST
COMPLETED PROCESS TO ACCEDE TO HAGUE; MAURITIUS'
DELAY PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE; RWANDA INTENDS RATIFY
HAGUE AND MONTREAL IN NEAR FUTURE; SEYCHELLES
CONSIDER THEMSELVES BOUND BY UK ACTION ON CONVENTIONS
AND WILL MAKE DECLARATION TO THAT EFFECT; SIERRA LEONE
HAS ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS ON MONTREAL.

3. SUDAN WANTS TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS, WORKING
ON FORMALITIES; TUNISIA DOES NOT INTEND TO ACCEDE TO
HAGUE AND MONTREAL FOR LEGAL AND POLITICAL REASONS
BUT MAY BE WILLING TO RETHINK IN LIGHT OF APPROACHES;
CAMEROON HAS ACCESSION UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE STUDY;
TANZANIA'S ACTION DEPENDS ON SITUATION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA; ZAMBIA MAY HAVE POLITICAL AS WELL AS
ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES; BAHRAIN'S FOREIGN
MINISTER IS WAITING FOR MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT'S
RECOMMENDATION WHICH EXPECTED BE POSITIVE; FRENCH

AMBASSADOR DOES NOT CONSIDER DEMARCHE TO DEMOCRATIC
YEMEN USEFUL AT THIS TIME; KUWAIT NOT MOVING RAPIDLY
TOWARD ACCESSION; QATAR WAITING TO HEAR VIEWS OF
OTHER ARAB NATIONS; UK NEEDS ANOTHER PARTNER FOR
APPROACH TO SYRIA SINCE FRANCE UNWILLING TO MAKE
DEMARCHE; UNITED ARAB EMIRATES STUDYING MATTER;
YEMEN FULLY SUPPORTS SPIRIT OF CONVENTION; BOLIVIA'S
INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO TOKYO APPARENTLY LOST AND
WILL SOON ACCEDE TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL; DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC WILL SOON COMPLETE RATIFICATION OF HAGUE;
SURINAM CONSIDERS ITSELF BOUND BY ACTION OF

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NETHERLANDS ON CONVENTIONS, BUT US AS DEPOSITARY
WANTS NOTE OF SUCCESSION ON HAGUE AND MONTREAL;
VENEZUELA SENDING THREE CONVENTIONS TO CONGRESS FOR
RATIFICATION.

4. BAHAMAS' NON-ACCESSION TO MONTREAL PURELY
ADMINISTRATIVE; CUBA STILL WANTS BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS RATHER THAN MULTILATERAL; EL SALVADOR
WILL ACCEDE TO MONTREAL IN NEXT FOUR MONTHS;
GRENADA HAS NO POLITICAL OBJECTION AND STUDYING
ACCESSION; GUATEMALA WILL RATIFY HAGUE AND MONTREAL
VERY SOON; HAITI REPLIED BY NOTES THAT WILL MOVE
SWIFTLY TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS; HONDURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE PROMISED TO ACCEDE; JAMAICA
LACKS LEGAL EXPERTS BUT INTENDS TO RATIFY; FRENCH
AMBASSADOR NOT IN POSITION TO APPROACH ALBANIA;
MALTA CLAIMS DIFFICULTY CONSTITUTIONAL RATHER THAN
POLITICAL, CONSIDERING MATTER; AFGHANISTAN WAS
CONSIDERING HAGUE AND MONTREAL BEFORE COUP;
BANGLADESH WILL SOON ACCEDE; JAPAN WANTS INDIAN
REACTION TO APPROACHES BEFORE APPROACHING BHUTAN;
JAPAN APPROACHED BURMA BUT NO REACTION YET; PRC
FAVORS CONVENTIONS IN PRINCIPLE AND STUDYING MATTER
INCLUDING LEGAL PROBLEM THEY HAVE REGARDING ROC'S
RATIFICATION OF THREE CONVENTIONS; JAPAN WILL SEND
NOTE VERBALE TO KAMPUCHEA VIA ITS EMBASSY AT PEKING;
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MALAYSIA HAS DECIDED TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS
BUT PAPER WORK REMAINS; INDIA HOPES TO SUBMIT HAGUE
TO PARLIAMENT IN JULY FOLLOWED BY MONTREAL; LAOS FAVORS
HAGUE AND MONTREAL IN PRINCIPLE BUT RATIFICATION A

MATTER OF TIME; MALDIVES NOW CONSIDERING CONVENTIONS;
NEPAL INTENDS TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS,
SIMPLY BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS; SRI LANKA PREPARING THREE
INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION; THAILAND TAKING ACTION IN
DIET ON HAGUE AND MONTREAL.

5. NO ONE HAD ANYTHING TO REPORT REGARDING ALGERIA,
ANGOLA, BENIN, COMOROS, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, LESOTHO,
MADAGASCAR, MAURITANIA, MOZAMBIQUE, SAO TOME AND
PRINCIPE, SOMALIA, SWAZILAND, TOGO, UGANDA, UPPER
VOLTA, SAMOA AND VIETNAM. CHAIRMAN SAID APPROACHES
SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS SO CONTACT
GROUP COULD REVIEW COMPLETE PICTURE IN MID-JUNE.

6. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED MEETING BY COMMENTING THAT
RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS HAVE
RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE DEMARCHES, WHICH
APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT CONTACT GROUP IS USEFUL.
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